Remarks

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The application being filed herewith is a continuation (divisional) of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/265,998, filed October 07, 2002 ("the Parent application"), which in turn claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/385,325, filed June 3, 2002.

Amendments to the specification

The specification filed herewith is to be amended as set forth above. Specifically, a "Cross Reference to Related Applications" section has been added at page 1 to assert the continuation status of the application, as set forth above.

Election/Restriction

In the Parent application a restriction was required under 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Examiner had indicated that claims 1-19 were drawn toward Invention I, claims 20-29 were drawn toward Invention II, and claims 30-35 were drawn towards Invention III. The Applicants elected claims 1-19 for prosecution in the Parent application. The Applicant now wishes to pursue claims 20-29 in this Divisional application, along with new claim 36 (which depends from claim 20). Claims 30-35 are hereby cancelled, without prejudice.

New claim

Support for new claim 36 is found in the specification filed herewith at page 25 line 15 through page 26 line 1.

Summary

The applicants respectfully request timely and favorable action regarding claims 20-29 and 36.

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